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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Look up a healthcare provider license" in the "How Do I?" section of the Department of Health website (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In November 2013 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Jessica Ann Peterson** (D160191460) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Peterson was convicted of second-degree assault.

Chelan County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Dylan Dean Farley** (NA60324410) with unprofessional conduct. Farley allegedly reported to work at an adult family home while she was intoxicated, smelling of alcohol, stumbling around and talking loudly. Employees later found a half-empty liquor bottle in a closet. Farley hasn't responded to a Department of Health investigator's inquiry.

Clallam County

In November 2013 the Dental Commission conditionally granted a dental assistant credential to **Maureen Rose Osterberg** (D160409489), who falsely indicated she had no criminal history on her application. In 2003 she was convicted of fourth-degree assault — domestic violence. In 2007 she received pre-trial diversion after being charged with second-degree assault. In 2011 she entered a drug-court program after being charged with making a forged prescription.

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Clark County

In November 2013 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor **Hannah N. Fischer** (LH00010659) with unprofessional conduct. Fischer allegedly allowed a client to barter services for treatment sessions, blurred client-therapist boundaries by forming a personal relationship with the client, didn't consult other experts in fields related to the client's disorders, and didn't properly end the client-therapist relationship.

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Lemuel Magro Riano** (NA60202703) with unprofessional conduct. While working at an adult family home, Riano allegedly had sexual contact and intercourse with one resident, yelled at and hit another, and kissed a third.

In November 2013 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Patrick J. Sellem** (MA60284842) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 Sellem was convicted of two counts of voyeurism, one count of second-degree criminal trespass, and one count of violation of a civil anti-harassment protection order.

Cowlitz County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant and Medical Assistant programs charged registered nursing assistant and medical assistant **Samantha Jean Rosenbaum** (NA60110269, CM60375653) with unprofessional conduct. Rosenbaum allegedly called-in fraudulent, unauthorized prescriptions that she or her boyfriend picked up.

King County

In November 2013 the Pharmacy Commission ended probation for pharmacist **Patrick G. Oyco** (PH00021211).

In November 2013 the Medical Assistant Program ended probation for health care assistant and medical assistant **Nika Marie Onka** (HC60286935, CM60382594).

In November 2013 the Dental Commission charged dental assistant **Laura Rose Johnson** (D160062664) with unprofessional conduct. Johnson allegedly didn't comply with a 2013 agreement to enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program.

In November 2013 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program conditionally granted a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Eric John Martenson** (CO60378695) and placed him on probation. Martenson must undergo screening for a substance abuse monitoring program. Between 2005 and 2011, Martenson was convicted of six gross misdemeanors.

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program conditionally granted a certified nursing assistant credential to **Kaela Marie Doherty** (NC60407866) and ordered her to undergo

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screening for a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2013 she was convicted in Montana of theft, driving while intoxicated, and resisting arrest. In 2004 she was also convicted in Montana of driving while intoxicated.

In November 2013 the Medical Commission ended terms of an order with physician **Marc D. Pellicciaro** (MD00036813).

In November 2013 the Medical Commission entered an agreement with physician **James E. Clark** (MD00030484) that places him on probation and requires him to continue complying with a substance abuse monitoring contract. Clark must pay a \$2,000 fine. He has entered alcohol treatment programs four times since 2009, each time agreeing to abstain from alcohol.

In November 2013 the Massage Program charged massage practitioner **Dwaine Jeffrey Breed** (MA60116962) with unprofessional conduct. While massaging a patient, Breed allegedly looked at and touched the patient's genitals, became sexually aroused and said, "I've lost my composure." In 2012 Breed was convicted of two counts of voyeurism in connection with the incident.

In November 2013 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Vyacheslav A. Borisenko** (CH00033992) with unprofessional conduct. Borisenko allegedly inadequately treated five patients, including exaggerating a patient's condition, taking inadequate X-rays and not providing patients with eye protection, and not documenting how conditions were resolved.

Kitsap County

In November 2013 the Medical Commission ended terms of an agreement with physician **Susan J. Eagan** (MD00049436).

Snohomish County

In November 2013 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Julie Francine Rabe** (RN60241953) with unprofessional conduct. Rabe allegedly didn't properly administer, dispose of, or document the use of patient medications.

Spokane County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Sharon Lynn Hannum** (NA00136678) with unprofessional conduct. Hannum didn't indicate any action had been taken to restrict her right to practice on a 2013 application to reactivate her credential. In 2009 the Department of Social and Health Services found Hannum had abused, neglected, and financially exploited a vulnerable adult.

In November 2013 the Mental Health Counselor Program charged mental health counselor **Candace P. Camp** (LH00005536) with unprofessional conduct. Camp allegedly admitted having a personal and sexual relationship with a patient.

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Thurston County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kerri Koch** (NC10029326) with unprofessional conduct. In 2013 she was convicted of first-degree theft with aggravating circumstances and with first-degree trafficking in stolen property. Koch was convicted in connection with the theft of property worth more than \$5,000 from a vulnerable adult patient.

Whatcom County

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Leslie L. Fairchild** (NA60013466) with unprofessional conduct. After finding Fairchild abused a vulnerable adult while working in an adult family home, the Department of Social and Health Services will not allow her to be employed in caring for or having unsupervised access to vulnerable adults.

Yakima County

In November 2013 the Osteopathic Board entered an agreement with osteopathic physician **Michael A. Thomas** (OP0001567) that places him on probation. Thomas must undergo a medical evaluation and must participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. Before and after undergoing back surgery, Thomas filled prescriptions for thousands of narcotic pills. While he was performing surgery in 2012, others saw him behave abnormally in the operating room. He was relieved of his surgical duties, failed a drug test, was found to be impaired, and had his privileges revoked by the hospital where he performed the surgery.

In November 2013 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Maria Lourdes Martinez** (NC10035858) with unprofessional conduct. Martinez allegedly made unauthorized purchases on a credit card belonging to a patient of the home health agency where she worked. In October 2013 she was convicted of second-degree identity theft.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

The <u>Department of Health website</u> (www.doh.wa.gov) is your source for *a healthy dose of information*. Also, <u>find us on Facebook</u> and <u>follow us on Twitter</u>.

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